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<b>(54) Title:</b> N-(ARYL/HETEROARYLACETYL) AMINO ACID ESTERS, PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING SAME, AND METHODS FOR INHIBITING $\beta$ -AMYLOID PEPTIDE RELEASE AND/OR ITS SYNTHESIS BY USE OF SUCH COMPOUNDS <b>(57) Abstract</b> <p>Disclosed are compounds which inhibit <math>\beta</math>-amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis, and, accordingly, have utility in treating Alzheimer's disease. Also disclosed are pharmaceutical compositions comprising a compound which inhibits <math>\beta</math>-amyloid peptide release and/or its synthesis as well as methods for treating Alzheimer's disease both prophylactically and therapeutically with such pharmaceutical compositions.</p>		